

Fulbright Predicts Easy Treaty Victory

*A-Ban Going to Senate Floor
In 2 Weeks; 80-20 Vote Expected*

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. J. William Fulbright says his Foreign Relations Committee should be ready within two weeks to send the limited nuclear test ban treaty to the Senate floor.

The Arkansas Democrat predicts ratification of the ban on all but underground blasts — perhaps with less than 20 votes in opposition.

Fulbright made this forecast after Director John A. McCone of the Central Intelligence Agency told the committee he favors ratification and regards the treaty as compatible with national security.

Earlier, Fulbright had said the vote might be 80 to 20 in favor of the pact—well over the required two-thirds majority. McCone's endorsement probably reduced the opposition still further, Fulbright said.

THE SENATE Armed Services Committee, meanwhile, has asked Defense Sec. Robert S. McNamara to set forth how safeguards urged by the Joint Chiefs of Staff are to be carried out.

McNamara has given the pact his blessing. The military chiefs have endorsed it

If the ban is accompanied by safeguards to reduce what they term disadvantages and risks.

These safeguards include an aggressive program for nuclear weapons development through underground tests, maintenance of nuclear laboratory facilities, a readiness to resume atmospheric testing promptly should Russia abrogate the treaty and improvement of techniques to detect violations.

The Senate Preparedness subcommittee, a unit of the Armed Services Committee, heard Gen. Curtis Lemay, Air Force chief of staff. Subcommittee Chairman John Stennis (D-Miss.) reported Lemay supported the treaty but expressed "far more concern than the other military chiefs."

"Gen. Lemay placed the greatest possible emphasis on carrying out in full the reservations listed by the joint chiefs," Stennis said.

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